

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(a) (i) Proposed.

(ii) Rs. 700 lakhs.

(b) Technical clearance is awaited from C.W.P. & C. and taking up the Project will depend on the availability of funds.

Screening Committees for Recommending Compulsory Retirement

967. Sri S. RUDRAPPA (Chitapur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

whether the Government has constituted screening committees for various departments to recommend for compulsory retirement of Government Servants whose age is above fifty years and found inefficient ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

Yes.

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance

(i) Re: Plight of the copyists in Revenue Department in Gulbarga District

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland).—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the plight of the copyists working in Revenue Department in Gulbarga District as a result of a Government Order.

† **Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—**The Government Order No. RD 149 EXE 61 dated 10th December 1968, has been kept in abeyance for one year, i.e., till 1st April 1970, before when it is proposed to re-examine the arrangements made for copying work in Revenue Offices in consultation with the Divisional Commissioners. There is thus no question of persons working as Copyists being thrown out as a result of the Government Order dated 10th December 1968.

(ii) Re: Highway robbery near Gouribidanur

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the Highway robbery that took place near Makalidurga near Gouribidanur on Bangalore-Hindupur Road.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—One Sri M. B. Shivanandam of Hindupur lodged a complaint with the Police that on 10th March 1969 at about 10-30 p.m., when he was proceeding along with four others in car No. APA. 3104 from Bangalore to Hindupur, he stopped the car near a bridge at the bottom of Makli Ghat Road between miles 33 and 34 about 2 miles away from the Gouribidanur limits, Kolar District, seeing stones placed across the road. Immediately after the car was stopped, two persons, one from either side of the road came to the car, one armed with a knife and other with a stick, that the latter demanded money from the occupants of the car, that due to fear they gave to these persons about Rs. 134 in currency notes and that one of them snatched a gold chain weighing about 2 tolas and a gold ring weighing about 1 tola from his brother. In this connection, a case in Cr. No. 26/69 under Section 392 I. P. C. has been registered in Doddaballapur Rural Police Station and the same is under investigation.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range and the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore visited the scene of occurrence and gave suitable instructions to the Investigating Officer. A Special Squad has also been formed and deputed to apprehend the accused.

No lorry is reported to have been attacked.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH (Bidar).—I want to know what has happened to my notice sent to you, Sir. It is a very important question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—About notices of questions or motions, no points should be raised on the floor of the House. I am attending to them. If the hon'ble Members have got any doubt, they may please come and meet me in my chamber. I am attending to them and doing what is necessary to help them. I cannot remember each and every case here. If they want they can come and meet me.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—Sri Banumaiah College has been closed abruptly causing inconvenience to many students. I request the Hon. Education Minister to make a statement regarding that subject.

Statement of the Minister for Revenue *re* : Harassment to a person for non-payment of arrears of land revenue in Anekal Taluk

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, motion sent by Sri Vatal Nagaraj contains the following two points :

That the Assistant Commissioner arrested and destrained the properties in the House of Sri Venkataramana Reddy on 16th March 1969 ;

Secondly that Sri Venkataramana Reddy was taken to the police station handcuffed and paraded all the way to Bangalore.